

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph before the Background of the Invention:

-- This application claims the benefit of Patent Application No. 11-207913, filed July 22, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-012210, filed January 20, 2000. --

ELECTION OF GROUP INVENTION:

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claimed invention of Group I, namely, the method of detecting LDL and denatured LDL in blood in claims 1-8.

REMARKS

This Amendment, Response to Restriction Requirement, Election of Invention, and Response is in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, wherein the Examiner:

- (1) acknowledge Applicant's response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 19, 2001;
- (2) maintained the Restriction Requirement and made such final;
- (3) required a new declaration;
- (4) required specific reference to prior applications in the specification;
- (5) required proposed drawing corrections;
- (6) noted that the list of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement;